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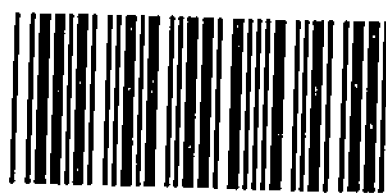
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Counsel, *H. H. Barker*  
Filed *16* day of *Nov* 188*3*  
Pleads *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE  
vs. *P*  
*Joseph*  
*Cosgrove*  
*H.D.*  
Robbery in the 1st Degree  
(Sections 224 and 225)

JOHN McKEON,  
District Attorney  
*I 2 Nov 21/83*  
*Shid & acquitted.*  
A True Bill.

*N. K. Crane*  
Foreman.

*W. H. Long*  
*John*

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# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
against

*Joseph Cosgrove*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse, \_\_\_\_\_

*Joseph Cosgrove* \_\_\_\_\_  
of the CRIME OF ROBBERY IN THE *First* DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *Joseph Cosgrove* \_\_\_\_\_

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *nineteenth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *three*, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon one *George Carr* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, *to wit, the* said *Joseph Cosgrove*, *being then and there aided by an accomplice actual-ly present, whose name is to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown* and one silver coin of the United States of the kind known as dollars, of the value of one dollar, one other silver coin of the United States of the kind known as half dollars, of the value of fifty cents, one other silver coin of the United States of the kind known as quarter dollars, of the value of twenty five cents, and divers other coins of the United States of a number, kind and denomination to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown of the value of one dollar \_\_\_\_\_ of the goods, chattels and personal property of the said *George Carr* \_\_\_\_\_

from the person of said *George Carr* \_\_\_\_\_ and against the will and by violence to the person of the said *George Carr* \_\_\_\_\_ then and there violently and feloniously did rob, steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity,

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
George D. Carr  
vs. J. M. Carr  
Robbery

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Offence

Date: November 14 1883  
District Clerk  
M. W. Carr  
Magistrate.  
M. W. Carr  
Officer.  
S. H. Carr  
Precinct.

Witnessed by  
Committee of the  
Street.  
J. M. Carr  
Street.  
J. M. Carr  
Street.

No. 1000 Street.

to answer

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*Dated* \_\_\_\_\_ 188 . \_\_\_\_\_ *Police Justice.*

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Sec. 198-200

2 District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Joseph Cosgrove. being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to  
enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used  
against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Joseph Cosgrove.

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

25 Years.

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Roundout, N. Y.

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

33. Thompson Street 1/2 month.

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Cook.

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

I am not guilty.

Joseph Cosgrove

Taken before me this

day of

Police Justice



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Police Court *Second* District.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

*George Carr.*  
of No *12 Grand* Street, *apud St. Louis,*  
being duly sworn, deposed and saith, that on the *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *November*,  
188*3*, at the *Eighth* Ward of the City of New York, in the County  
of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, from the person of deponent  
by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the FOLLOWING PROPERTY, VIZ:

*Good and lawful money of the  
United States consisting of silver  
coins of divers denominations and  
values together of the value of One <sup>100</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
dollars.*

of the value of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

the property of *deponent,*

and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property  
was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, by force and violence as aforesaid by

*Joseph Cosgrove (nowhere) and another  
person whose name is unknown to  
deponent, and not yet arrested. From  
the fact that on about the hour of eleven  
o'clock P.M. on said date deponent was  
urinating in the yard of premises No. 529  
Broome street when the said Cosgrove  
came up behind deponent placed his arm  
around deponent's neck choking deponent  
and holding deponent fast while the said  
unknown person forcibly took said money  
from the pocket of deponent in the right hand side  
of the pantaloons then on deponent's person. The  
said Cosgrove in company with the said unknown  
person then ran away together. Deponent therefore prays  
that the said Cosgrove may be dealt with as the law  
directs*

*George Carr*

Sworn before me this

day of *November* 188*3*

Police Justice.



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Opened #114. *W. C. W. W. W.*  
Filed 16 day of Nov 1883  
Pleads *Not guilty (19)*

THE PEOPLE  
vs.  
*Louise*  
*Coty*  
Assault in the First Degree:  
(Firearms.)  
75217 and 218

JOHN McKEON,  
District Attorney.  
Ordered to U. S. Court of U. S. and  
Vermines for trial Nov. 27, 1883.

A TRUE BILL.  
*W. K. Cone*  
Foreman.

*Oyer & Return*  
Dec 5. 1883  
Pleads *N. 3<sup>d</sup> dg.*  
*per K. W. P. & defendant*  
*Ordered for Foreman*

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# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

AGAINST

*Louise Coty*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse *Louise Coty*

of the CRIME OF *Assault in the first degree*, committed as follows:

The said *Louise Coty*

late of the City of New York, in the County of New York aforesaid, on the *Seventh* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty *three* with force and arms, at the City and County aforesaid, in and upon the body of *Antoine Coty* in the peace of the said People then and there being, feloniously did make an assault, and to, at and against *him* the said *Antoine Coty* a certain *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which the said *Louise Coty* in *her* right hand then and there had and held, the same being a deadly and dangerous weapon, wilfully and feloniously, did then and there shoot off and discharge, with intent *to kill* the said *Antoine Coty* thereby then and there feloniously and wilfully to kill, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided. and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

SECOND COUNT.

And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said *Louise Coty*

of the Crime of assault in the second degree, committed as follows:

The said *Louise Coty*, *late of the City and County aforesaid*

afterwards, to wit, on the day and in the year aforesaid, at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon the body of the said *Antoine Coty* then and there being, feloniously did, wilfully and wrongfully, make an assault, and to, at and against *him* the said *Antoine Coty* a certain *pistol* then and there loaded and charged with gunpowder and one leaden bullet, which *she* the said

*Louise Coty* in *her* right hand, then and there had and held, the same being an instrument likely to produce grievous bodily harm, feloniously did, wilfully and wrongfully then and there shoot off and discharge

against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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Assistance

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*Dated* ..... 188 ..... *Police Justice.*

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK, }

2 District Police Court.

*Louisa Caty* being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is *her* right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against *her*; that the statement is designed to  
enable *her* if *she* see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against *her*  
that *she* is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that *her* waiver cannot be used  
against *her* on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Louisa Caty*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*30 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*France*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

*Hotel Oranienstrasse and about one week*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Housekeeper*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

*I did not intend to discharge  
the Revolver I simply took it  
out to frighten him. He is my  
husband and deserted me  
in France. I am in the city  
only one week.*

*Louisa Caty*

Taken before me this

day of *November* 188*3*

*Joseph J. ...*  
Police Justice.

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Police Court—2 District.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, { ss.

Antonia Catty  
of No. 168 East 16 Street,  
and 36 years in business being duly sworn, deposes and says, that  
on Wednesday the 7 day of November  
in the year 1883 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED ~~and injured~~ by

Louisa Catty (now hen), who  
willfully and maliciously  
pointed aimed and discharged  
a loaded revolver at the  
body of this deponent

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him grievous bodily harm; and without  
any justification on the part of the said assailant :

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to answer  
for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 7 day  
of November 1883

C. Catty

Hugh Garner POLICE JUSTICE.



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Police Court—2 District.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

Antonia Cety  
of No. 168 East 16 Street,  
and 36 years, no business being duly sworn, deposes and says, that  
on Wednesday the 7 day of November  
in the year 1883 at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

he was violently and feloniously ASSAULTED ~~and injured~~ by

Louisa Cety (now hen), who  
willfully and maliciously  
pointed aimed and discharged  
a loaded revolver at the  
body of this deponent

with the felonious intent to take the life of deponent, or to do him grievous bodily harm; and without  
any justification on the part of the said assailant :

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to answer  
for the above assault, etc., and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this 7 day  
of November 1883

Hugh Farmer POLICE JUSTICE.

Antonia Cety



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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

*People* *New York* *Nov 8* 1883  
- vs -  
*Louisa Coby*  
Pr

The District Attorney  
requests me to return the  
papers in above to you  
and ask that you reopen  
the examination as he  
is informed that the defen-  
dant's ignorance of English  
prevented her making a  
statement - which would  
put a different complexion  
on the case

Respectfully yours  
Jas. M. Bradley  
D.A.

Hon. Hugh Gardner  
Justice

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2<sup>d</sup> Dist Police Court  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1883

The People vs  
on the complaint of  
Antoine Loty  
vs  
Louisa Loty  
Helmut's Record

Question  
Answer

Cross Examination of Complainant  
by Mr Mathiot Counsel for Defense.  
What is your name?

Antoine Loty. I have no  
occupation at present - am looking  
for work. I live with my  
child and a woman who takes care  
of my child. I have been ~~two~~ two  
years in this country. This woman,  
(the defendant) is no longer my wife,  
since she is separated from me. We  
separated in 1873<sup>rd</sup>, judgment was  
rendered then. The child I have  
with me is her child. He is nearly  
10 years old, less two months. I came  
to this country in 1881 and brought  
the child with me and the woman  
who takes care of it. The separation  
was not obtained first by my wife.  
I have no obligation to pay her  
support. Previously before the  
judgment the child was in my wife's  
care. I received with my wife

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Q.

a marriage portion of 10,000 ~~francs~~  
francs.

A.

When did you first meet your  
wife in New York?

On Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup> 1883  
at noon. I was with Mr Lieb  
in ~~the~~ Mercer Street. We were  
going towards Washington square and  
were at the corner of Mercer Street  
and Waverly place. I stopped  
a moment and stepped aside to  
allow a lady to pass us, when I  
saw someone behind me and saw a  
pistol pointed at me held in a  
woman's hand. I ~~did not~~ <sup>tried to</sup> catch  
her arm. The revolver fell to the  
ground. I did not call on Mr Lieb  
to seize the woman. I called "police."  
Officer Reynolds came up. When  
the woman pointed the pistol she  
said. "Ah, there you are. I came  
to America to kill you", speaking  
in French. The pistol was not  
discharged when she pointed it, or  
until I caught her hand. It was  
discharged then before I struck her  
hand, as I was catching it, before it  
fell to the ground. The officer picked

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up the revolver

Re-direct Mr Henry Leachard for Prosecution, appearing for the Dist Atty

20. <sup>Has</sup> Was your marriage portion of 10,000 francs been entirely repaid to your wife?

A. Yes, by a mortgage on a house.

20. Were you judicially separated and a judgment pronounced?

A. Yes - Here is the judgment.

(Production of document objected to on ground of being a foreign judgment and not proved and as being immaterial and irrelevant to the inquiry)

Document excluded \_\_\_\_\_ Exception

20. Did you see the defendant approaching you before you saw the pistol?

A. No.

20. Did she aim the revolver at you?

A. She aimed at my left side - the heart.

20. Had you completely turned around when she aimed?

A. Yes.

20. Did you actually catch her arm?

A. Yes.

20. How did you?

A. She had already fired and was trying to shoot again when I caught her arm. It was then the pistol fell.

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She had actually fired one shot before I touched her arm. I called police, police, Mr Lieb and I caught her and officer Reynolds came immediately. I saw my former wife several times in France after the separation, but not before the day of shooting in this country.

Re - Cross Examination by Mr Mathias

Q. Can you swear that the revolver was not discharged as it fell?

A. Yes. I swear so

Q. How many shots did you hear fired

A. One.

Q. Then the revolver was discharged as it fell?

A. No - certainly not.

Sworn to before me this  
11th day of November 1883  
Hugh Gardner  
Police Justice

*[Signature]*

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Question

Officer Thomas Reynolds's sworn and examined by Mr. Mathis for defense  
State your name, age, residence and occupation

Answer

Thomas Reynolds, 43 years, 173 Hudson St, police detective 15 Precinct.

Q.

State what you know, if anything, of the alleged assault upon the complainant by defendant?

A.

I was in the barber shop on the corner of Waverly Place and Mercer street, when something struck the window, which I thought at first a pebble, and attracted my attention. I then heard the cry of police and ran out and on the corner saw the complainant and the witness Mr. Lieb holding, each, one of this lady's hands. I asked what was the matter, and Lieb told me that the woman had tried to shoot the complainant. The revolver <sup>was</sup> lying on the ground. I asked the complainant for an explanation and Lieb replied that this lady attempted to shoot the complainant, but that he grabbed her arm and the revolver fell on the street and went off when it fell.

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I then arrested the defendant and took her to the 15<sup>th</sup> Precinct Station House. The complainant told Lieb to tell me about it, when I asked for information. The complainant tried to explain in bad English. Cross examination by Mr. Bachard

Q. Did Mr. Lieb specify when the shot was fired?

A. He said that when her arm was grabbed the revolver fell and went off. I cannot give his exact words.

Q. Did he explain minutely

A. Not then, but he talked all the way to the station house and said about the same. I did not ask particularly when the shot went off.

Q. Did Mr. Lieb tell you that the defendant aimed at the complainant?

A. He said that she pointed a pistol at him.

Re-direct by Mr. Mathews

Q. Did how many shots did you hear?

A. I cannot say that I heard any shot.

Q. You took the revolver. How many barrels were discharged?

A. One only, It was a small



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French self-cocking revolver.

Brought before me this  
11 day of November 1883

Alfred Farmer  
Police Justice

Thomas Reynolds

To witness  
Answer Louise Boty, <sup>defendant</sup> sworn on her own  
behalf, examined by Mr Mathew-  
State your name, age, residence  
and occupation.

Answer Louise Boty, 30 years, Hotel  
corner 4<sup>th</sup> Street and University

20. Place, My mother provides for me  
where were brought when arrested  
on Nov 7?

A. To the Station House and then  
here.

20. Is that your signature (showing  
statement of defendant on formal  
examination)?

A. Yes.

20. Is this what you said (translating)?

A. Yes, it is.

20. Where did you meet your husband

A. In that street - Mercer near Waverly  
Place

20. State what occurred.

- A. I went out to breakfast when I saw my husband. I was surprised, and, having a revolver in my pocket, the hammer was in the cylinder so that the pistol could not go off. I took the revolver and showed it to him without aiming and said to him "that is what you deserve". Then he caught my hand violently, the revolver fell to the ground, and went off on the ground.
- Q. With <sup>what</sup> intention did you show the revolver?
- A. To frighten him only - not to shoot him. I never intended to kill him.
- Cross Examination by Mr. Bachard for defence.
- Q. Do you habitually carry a revolver?
- A. Yes in America.
- Q. Do you know that it is against the law?
- A. Every one does it.
- Q. How long have you had the revolver?
- A. I bought it in France before I came to this country.
- Q. Why did you come to this country?
- A. I came to get child and 20,000 francs.

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20. Had you ever before claimed your child?

A. I did not when she was with <sup>her</sup> ~~my~~ grandmother, my husband's mother in France, where it was well off, but when I heard it was in charge of my husband's mistress I did claim it.

20. Is the grandmother dead?

A. She is dead. At her death the other woman took it and I wrote for it repeatedly.

20. Do you know that the custody of the child has been taken from you by order of Court?

A. ~~at~~ No.

20. Did you go to see the child while it was with the ~~grand~~ grandmother?

A. The child was near me and I saw it every day. I did not go to see it, because they were angry with me, and I was not permitted by the grandmother.

20. What was your means of livelihood in France?

A. I was the only child and my father and mother, and after father's death my mother, took care of me.

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Q. Were you convicted of any crime in France?

A. No.

Q. Had you seen your husband in this country before the 7<sup>th</sup> of November?

A. No.

Q. Did you load your revolver yourself?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you always carry your revolver loaded since you came to America?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you go alone at night in lonely places?

A. No.

Re-direct by Mr. Mathiol-

Q. On the first day of your arrival in America did you not go to see a ~~reaches~~ lawyer to try to recover your child?

A. Yes. I went to you - Mr. Mathiol.

Q. When you were married did your father not give 20,000 francs as a dot to your husband?

A. He gave 10,000 in money and 3000 in valuable. My <sup>husband's</sup> father was a miller also my husband who took the business after his

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father's death. He put the money  
in his business and never paid  
it back to me. He ran away  
with the money.

Q. Did you load the revolver in France?

A. Yes. I never ~~was~~ loaded it in  
this country.

Shown to represent this  
11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1883  
Highlander  
Police Justice

Louise Cady

John L. Leib, sworn for  
Prosecution, examined by Mr  
Bachard

Q. State your name age, residence  
and occupation

A. ~~John~~ John L. Leib, 31 years,  
90 Brighton Place, Salesman.

Q. Do you know the Plaintiff and  
Defendant?

A. I know Mr Cady. I have seen  
the woman.

Q. Were you with Mr Cady on the  
7<sup>th</sup> November

A. I met him in Broadway. We  
were talking about business. We  
went <sup>down</sup> to Waverly Place. At the  
corner of Mercer we halted a moment;

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when suddenly this lady, the defendant, came up to me, drew a pistol from her pocket, and presented it straight at his breast, saying these words "Ah, there you are. I am coming to kill you", in French. At that very moment when the pistol was almost on his breast I saw the lady catch hold of her arm and the pistol at that very moment went off. The pistol fell to the ground while he was holding her hand, after having been discharged. I then caught hold of her right arm to prevent her from running away. We called police and Detective Reynolds came out.

- Q. Did you have any conversation with Detective Reynolds?
- A. He asked me a few questions to which I replied. I told him that the ball struck the ground, and he related to me that it struck the window.
- Q. Did you tell him when the revolver went off?
- A. I don't remember that I said anything about that.

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Q. Did you see the revolver afterwards?

A. Yes, I saw it on the ground. When the defendant was being arrested she said in French, "I have missed you this time, but next time I won't miss you." I could not see the condition of the revolver. I could not see the finger of defendant on the trigger.

Cross Examined by Mr. Mathews

Q. You are a friend of Mr. Boty, are you?

A. I know him. I used to go often to his liquor store in 8th street. We are friendly.

Q. At what hour did the affair take place?

A. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We were coming from Broadway towards Mercer street. We did not turn around. I never saw the lady until the moment of the firing. She came behind us. <sup>Josephine</sup> You say that you saw her take a revolver from her pocket; will you explain how that was.

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A. I saw her hand lifted. We were stopped, talking together, when she came between us, drew and presented the revolver.



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Q. And you made no motion

A. I was surprised and at that moment  
Mr. Lacey seized her hand,  
At this point, Mr. Justice Gardner  
announces that there is sufficient  
testimony to require him to hold  
the defendant for trial

Shown to before me this  
11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1883  
Hugh Gardner  
Police Justice

M. L. Lacey


Examination concluded.

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# X Ex Separations! -

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# I Missed you this time, next I won't!!

 You used to go to Cortez place, because ~~so~~  
you spoke French.

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was not the

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Did you

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*Mr.*  
*...*

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Department of  
*Public Charities and Correction,*

HENRY H. PORTER, Prest., THOMAS S. BRENNAN, JACOB HESS, Com's.  
*Office of City Prison, Cor. Franklin and Centre streets,*

JAMES FINN,  
Warden.

*New York, Dec 13 1888.*

*John Sparks Esq*  
*Clerk. Gen. Sec. & Asst. & Commis*  
*State*

*Respectfully*  
*Call your attention to the enclosed*  
*Certificate of Dr. Jackson of this Prison*  
*hoping that at your earliest convenience*  
*you will do something to relieve him*

*Yours Respectfully*  
*James Finn*  
*Warden*

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Department of  
*Public Charities and Correction,*

HENRY H. PORTER, Prest., THOMAS S. BRENNAN, JACOB HESS, Com's.  
*Office of City Prison, Cor. Franklin and Centre streets,*

JAMES FINN,  
Warden.

*New York, Nov 13 " 1888.*

*James Finn Esq.*  
*Warden.*

*Dear Sir.*

*Mrs Coty*  
who is confined in this prison, is in a  
very hysterical condition. At times is very  
noisy and disturbs other prisoners at  
night. She also demands constant  
attention, and the Matron and her  
assistants are worn out attending to  
her whims and fancies. She positively  
refuses all medical aid. I respectfully  
suggest that she be removed to some  
hospital where there are nurses and  
night attendants.

*Respectfully-*

*W. O. Jackson. M.D.*  
*Physician to Prison.*

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To the Hon. Brady Justice of  
The Supreme Court. New York  
December 16<sup>th</sup> 1888

We the undersigned Physicians re-  
siding and practicing in the City and  
County of New York, hereby certify  
that on the fourteenth and fifteenth  
days of December 1888, respectively, we  
made two examinations of Mrs

Coty a native of France  
aged, and inquired into her  
mental condition. We found as  
a result of said examinations that  
Mrs Coty is of a highly ner-  
vous temperament, profoundly hyp-  
terical, but not suffering from any  
form of mental derangement known  
to Medicine as insanity. Her exag-  
gerated emotional manifestations dis-  
played to us in jail, are of the kind  
characterizing hysteria; and it is a  
question among physicians, how far  
these manifestations are under the  
control of ~~the~~ <sup>her</sup> patients and how far  
the result of lack of discipline, of  
heredity and of the surroundings  
to which ~~they~~ <sup>she</sup> are subjected. She has  
neither delusions, illusions nor hallu-  
cinations, she reasons fairly well on all  
topics, presents a connected and  
plausible account of her actions, and

is particularly minute as to her account of the transactions which have led to her imprisonment. How far she is truthful in this account, it is not for the undersigned to judge; her manner appeared to be sincere. We found that the patient is laboring under the impression that she will be permitted to return to France. As a similar impression existed in our own minds, from reading the daily journals, we attached no significance to this fact. The prisoner's knowledge of English is very imperfect, indeed almost nil, and this sufficient accounts for her imperfect apprehension of many facts in her case. It appeared that the prisoner believed she could compel her former husband to render the child to her, on a threat; that she admits pointing the revolver at him, which she had purchased with the intent to carry out the threat; that she denies discharging it, but claims that it fell from her hand, and exploded in falling. We have particularly examined the prisoner with regard to the existence of what is known as "hysterical insanity" but failed to find



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any traces of it. He recognizes that hysteria is often based on bodily disease, but without making an internal examination, which might not be conclusive, we are able to say that from the narrative of her symptoms, there are no reasons for believing the presence of one true ~~distinct~~ hysterical condition to such a cause.

Respectfully submitted

E. E. Smith, M.D.  
Mall Grounds, N.Y.

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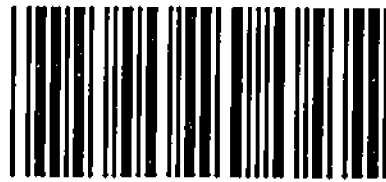
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Cox, Owen

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#15.

Counsel,  
Filed, Nov. 1883  
Pleads, Wyzewy

THE PEOPLE

vs.

Owen Cox

W. W. W.  
1886

Grand Larceny, Receiving Stolen Goods,  
[43528-531-550]

JOHN McKEON,  
Pr. Nov 1883 District Attorney  
pleads P.R.  
A True Bill. Pen one year

W. H. Crane  
Foreman.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

against

Omen Cox

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

Omen Cox

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the Second degree, committed as follows:

The said Omen Cox

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the 26th ~~on the~~ day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty- three, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms

one watch of the value of  
ten dollars, one chain of  
the value of twenty dollars,  
and one pair of trousers of  
the value of five dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one Nicholas Alder  
then and there being found, then and there  
feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case  
made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and  
their dignity.

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And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said —

— Owen Cox —

— of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS,  
committed as follows:

The said Owen Cox —

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York  
aforesaid, on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, at the Ward, City and County  
aforesaid, with force and arms one watch of the value of  
ten dollars, one chain of the value of  
twenty dollars and one pair of trousers  
of the value of five dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of Nicholas Arden.

by a certain person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before  
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said Nicholas

Arden —

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; he the said Owen  
Cox —

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have  
been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away, against the form of the Statute in  
such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of  
New York, and their dignity.

**JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.**

BAILED,	
No. 1, by	
Residence	Street
No. 2, by	
Residence	Street
No. 3, by	
Residence	Street
No. 4, by	
Residence	Street

Police Court District

THE PEOPLE, &c.

# ON THE COMPLAINT OF

ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
Michael A. Davis

286 Head

Dear Mr  
New York

\_\_\_\_\_

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dated 2/10/20

\_\_\_\_\_

08/11/16

*Cherry*

Witnesses: 12/15/10



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Ed. W.

to answer three

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*[Signature]*

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\_\_\_\_\_

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named Alfred East

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he give such bail.

Dated Oct 14 1888 8 M. J. Form Police Justice.

I have admitted the above-named .....  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

*Dated* ..... 188 ..... *Police Jus ice.*

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

*Dated* \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ *Police Justice.*

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Sec. 198—200

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK }

104 District Police Court.

Owen Cox being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Owen Cox

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

28 Years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

Question. Where do you live and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

286 West St. 2 Weeks

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Steam Boating

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

Not Guilty  
Owen Cox  
Munk

Taken before me  
day of

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James W. McQuinn  
Police Justice.



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District Police Court. Affidavit - Larceny.  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss.  
of No. 286 West Street, Nicholas Adlers  
being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 26th day of October 1883  
at the City of New York,  
in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession  
of deponent, With the intent to defraud the true owner of the  
the following property, viz: not and benefit hereby.

One Silver Watch Valued at Ten Dollars  
One Gold Chain, Valued at Twenty Dollars  
One pair Trousers Valued at five Dollars  
in all of the Value of Thirty five  
Dollars

the property of

Deponent

Police Justice.

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and that this deponent  
has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken,  
stolen, and carried away by Owen W. Moore, who

Gave to Deponent the pawn ticket  
for a portion of the above described  
property, and who admitted &  
con fessed to Deponent that he  
took the property above set  
forth

Nicholas Adlers

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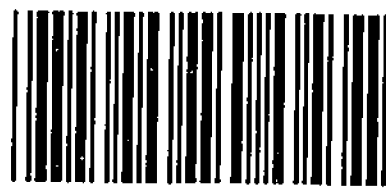
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Crossen, Eugene

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Counsel,

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Pleads

*Nov 16*  
*W. J. McKeon*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*11. 16*  
*Eugene Crossen*

Grand Larceny, Second degree, and

Receiving Stolen Goods.

*[Section 529, 531, 535]*

JOHN McKEON,

*Dist. Atty.*

*Nov 17/83*

A True Bill.

*Pen 6 md.*

*W. R. Crane*  
Foreman.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
against

Eugene Crossen

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

Eugene Crossen

of the CRIME OF GRAND LARCENY in the ~~second~~ degree, committed as follows:

The said Eugene Crossen

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid, on the  
~~on the~~ day of ~~November~~ ~~the~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty- ~~three~~, at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms  
one set of harness of the  
value of forty dollars

of the goods, chattels and personal property of one George O. ~~Thurs~~ ~~red~~  
then and there being found, then and there  
feloniously did steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case  
made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of New York, and  
their dignity.

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And the Grand Jury aforesaid, by this indictment, further accuse the said —

— Eugene Crossen —

— of the CRIME OF RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS,  
committed as follows:

The said Eugene Crossen

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York  
aforesaid, on the ninth day of November in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, at the Ward, City and County  
aforesaid, with force and arms

one set of harness  
of the value of forty dollars.

of the goods, chattels and personal property of George O. Onsted

by a certain person or persons to the Grand Jury aforesaid unknown, then lately before  
feloniously stolen, taken and carried away from the said George O.

Onsted

unlawfully and unjustly, did feloniously receive and have; he the said —

— Eugene Crossen —

then and there well knowing the said goods, chattels and personal property to have  
been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away, against the form of the Statute in  
such case made and provided, and against the peace of the People of the State of  
New York, and their dignity.

**JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.**

The Report Committed  
when in Person  
appeared before

Grand Jury for this  
reason. I think  
the find should  
be reduced to  
the <sup>amount</sup> ~~amount~~ <sup>from</sup>  
the ~~amount~~ <sup>amount</sup> ~~amount~~

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Oct. 20/87

W. General Gossom

The People  
against

William Carroll

Application to remitt  
fine

The verdict is  
\$125.00

Due service of a  
copy of within  
application is  
hereby admitted

W. Sept 3, 1887  
And this is my

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## State of New York

## Office of the Sing Sing Prison,

Sing Sing,

1887

To the Governor of the State of New York City

Sir: I have the honor to furnish, as requested by you, a report in the case of the following named applicant for Restoration to Citizenship:

Name, William Carroll <sup>alias</sup> Meehan right name

Applicant's prison number, Not numbered

Place and County of conviction, New York City N.Y. Co.

Crime and degree of same, Confession of Assault 2nd Deg

Court, General Sessions

Judge, Frederick Smith

Date of Sentence, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1883Received in Sing Sing Prison, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1884Term and fine, Five yrs., — mos., \$ 250.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Term less commutation earned, — yrs., — mos., — dys.

Amount of commutation earned, — yrs., — mos., — dys.

Discharged, by Transfer to Clinton June 10 1884

Conduct in prison, Good, while in this institution

Former character, Unknown

Times of imprisonment other than above, dates and terms of same,

1 Term B.D. (Penitentiary) &amp; 1 Term House of Refuge

Other information, Transferred to Clinton Prison June 10/84

I am, sir,

Very respectfully yours,

A. A. Bush

Agent and Warden.

11 — Clerk.



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Clinton Prison,

*Wannemore,* Oct 4 1887  
To *Amuliet Smyth*  
DAVID B. HILL, Governor.

Sir: I have the honor to furnish the following information, at your request in the case of convict

*William Carroll*  
Place and County of conviction *New York City, N.Y.*  
Crime, *Assault 2d*  
Court, *Genl Sessions*  
Judge, *Smyth*  
Date of Sentence, *Nov 22 1886*  
When received at prison, *" 13 "*  
Term and fine, *Four years \$250 fine*  
Amount of possible commutation, *One year for months*  
Earliest possible discharge, *Nov 22 1887* *If his fine has been paid he will have to remain in*  
Conduct in prison, *Good*  
Health, *Good*  
Former character, *Unknown*  
Times in prison, *Once on R. Island P.L. 30 days*  
Other information.

Very respectfully

*Isiah Fuller*

Agent and Warden.

*W. H. H. H.*  
Clerk.

day for each dollar for impound  
which is paid

To

Honorable Frederick Smith  
Recorder

We the undersigned have known the defendant William Carroll anterior to his arrest and imprisonment, and are well acquainted with his immediate family connections, and are satisfied that it is wholly impossible for the said defendant, or any of his friends, they all being in poor circumstances to pay the fine of \$250.<sup>00</sup> imposed by your Honor at the time of the judgment passed following the conviction of the above named defendant. His widowed Mother is anxiously awaiting his return so that in her declining years she may be able to contribute to her support, without which she will be, as she has been for the past year, depending solely on the bounty of charitable friends

Respectfully.

Philip Hulland old 57  
William H. Warner " 9 "  
John B. De Rood 583 Hudson St  
James B. Hartlett 279 W. Hudson St  
W. W. C. Harvey Jr.

37th Hudson St.  
George Morrison 370 Hudson St.

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City & County of New York

James B. Hackett being  
duly sworn deposes and says that  
that the facts stated in the fore-  
going Petition are true, of his  
own knowledge.

Sworn before me this

28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1887

W. L. Bogert (117)

Notary Public

N. Y. Co

James B. Hackett

City & County of New York

Margaret Meehan  
being duly sworn deposes and says  
that she is the mother of William

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On

Carroll the person mentioned in the  
foregoing petition, that she is in  
indigent circumstances and unable  
to pay said fine of \$250. and that  
she has neither friends or relatives  
able to assist her in the matter,

Margaret <sup>her</sup> Meehan  
mark  
Residence No 9 Freshwater St

Sworn before me this  
first day of August 1887

N.Y. City

W. J. Rogers (117)

Notary Public

N.Y. Co

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BAILED,  
No. 1, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. 2, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. 3, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. 4, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. 5, by \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Street,

Police Court District. 889  
THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF  
George O. O'Connell  
1047 Broadway,  
vs  
Eugene Brosnan  
Grand Larceny  
Dated November 12 1883  
Duffy Magistrate.  
Winnepack Street.  
Clerk.  
Witnesses, Whiffles & O'Connell  
No. 100 Bannan Street,  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street,  
No. 500 to answer  
to answer

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed,  
and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named Eugene Brosnan

guilty thereof, I order that he be held to answer the same and he be admitted to bail in the sum of five  
Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until he  
give such bail.

Dated November 12 1883 Duffy Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named \_\_\_\_\_  
to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named \_\_\_\_\_  
guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ 188 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Justice.



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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY } ss.  
OF NEW YORK

District Police Court.

*Eugene Crossen* being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to  
enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used  
against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *Eugene Crossen*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *19 Years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. *66 Perry Street about three years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Labrer*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer. *I am not guilty of stealing the harness  
the tinker was sent to me to give to Mr.  
Almstead**Eugene Crossen*

Taken before me this

*19*day of *March* 188*8*

Police Justice.

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District Police Court.

Affidavit—Larceny.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, ss.of No. 100 Barrow Street,being duly sworn, deposes and says, that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1888at the above premises in the City of New York,

in the County of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen and carried away from the possession

of the deponent with the intent to deprive the true owner

the following property, viz:

One set of single harness of  
the value of forty dollars

the property of

Deponent

and that this deponent

has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property was feloniously taken,  
stolen, and carried away by Eugene Grossep (now here,

from the fact that deponent was informed by  
his son Winfield S. Olmstead that  
the said defendant told him that he  
knew where the set of harness was pawned  
and the defendant said he would get the  
ticket and it would cost ten dollars and  
fifty cents to take the harness out of pawn  
and he did get the ticket and gave it  
to deponent and he would not tell who

Sworn before me this

day of

Police Justice

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gave him the said pawn ticket and  
therefore deponent further says that the  
said defendant did take steal and  
carry away the aforesaid property

Sworn to before me }  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1883 } J. O. Orsted

J. O. Orsted  
Police Justice

Winfield S. Orsted of No 100 Barrow Street  
being duly sworn deposes and says he has heard read  
the foregoing Affidavit of George O. Orsted and that the  
facts stated therein on information of deponent are true:  
of deponents own knowledge

Sworn to before me }  
this 12 day of November 1883 } Winfield S. Orsted

J. O. Orsted  
Police Justice

District Police Court.

THE PEOPLE, &c.,  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

AFIDAVIT—Larceny.

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Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

WITNESSES:

DISPOSITION

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Cummings, John

DATE:

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Day of Trial, *Albert W. Abbott*  
Counsel, *John*  
Filed *9* day of *Nov* 1883  
Pleads *Not guilty*

THE PEOPLE

vs.

*John*  
*Cummings*

*Assault in the Second Degree.*  
*(Resisting Arrest.)*

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JOHN McKEON,

*John 1883* District Attorney.

*Wied & Acquitted.*

A True Bill.

*W. H. Carey*

Foreman.

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Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  
against

*John Cummings*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment, accuse

*John Cummings*

of the CRIME OF ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *John Cummings*

late of the City and County of New York, on the *thirtieth* day of  
*October* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and eighty *three* at the City and County aforesaid, with force and arms feloniously  
made an assault in and upon one *Oliver V. Stewart*

then and there being a *patrolman* of the Municipal Police of the City  
New York, and as such *patrolman* being then and there engaged in the lawful  
*apprehension* of *the said John Cum-*  
*mings* for *some crime to the Grand*  
*Jury aforesaid* and the said *John Cummings* him, the said

*Oliver V. Stewart*

then and there feloniously did beat, strike, wound and otherwise ill-treat, with intent  
then and there to prevent and resist the lawful *apprehension*  
of *himself* as aforesaid,  
against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace  
of the People of the State of New York and their dignity.

JOHN McKEON,

*District Attorney.*

*Dated* ..... 188..... *Police Justice.*

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

District Police Court.

*John Cummings* being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. *John Cummings*

Question. How old are you?

Answer. *30 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. *New York City*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. *East 21<sup>st</sup> Street. 3 months*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. *Hosteler*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer. *I was standing on the corner of 24<sup>th</sup> Street & 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and the Complainant came up to me and knocked me down with his club. I had not said a word to any person. I then ran away and he followed me down the street. I stopped when he arrested me. I never lifted my hand to him.*

Taken before me this

day of

*John Cummings*  
Justice

*John Cummings*

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Police Court—*Fourth* District.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } SS

*Oliver B. Stewart*  
of ~~the~~ *18<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police* aged *45* years ~~Street.~~  
being duly sworn, deposes and says, that  
on *Tuesday* the *30<sup>th</sup>* day of *October*

in the year 188*3*, at the City of New York, in the County of New York,

*while in the discharge of his duty as an officer*  
he was violently ASSAULTED and BEATEN by *John Cummings*  
(*now present*) that said *John* struck  
deponent a number of blows with his  
fist on the face, neck, and body,

without any justification on the part of the said assailant.

Wherefore this deponent prays that the said assailant may be apprehended and bound to answer the above assault, &c, and be dealt with according to law.

Sworn to before me, this

day of *October*

*30<sup>th</sup>*

*Oliver B. Stewart*

(POLICE JUSTICE.)



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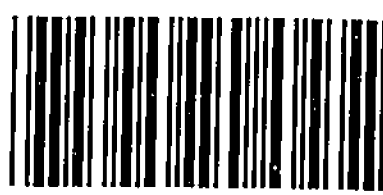
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Cummings, Martha

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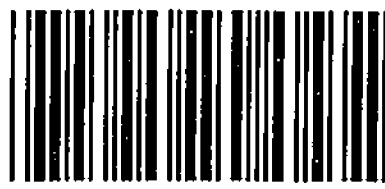
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Smith

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Counsel,  
Filed 15 day of Nov 1883  
Pleeds Artzquilly (19)

THE PEOPLE	vs.	INDICTMENT
John Cummings	B	
Martha Cummings	B	
Michael Scott	B	
Richard Rockport	B	

JOHN McKEON,

1st. Aled by District Attorney.

4th. Discharged at 10:00 AM.

A True Bill.

M. H. Cane

27 29. 1883 Foreman

Monday?

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# Court of General Sessions of the Peace

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

against

*John Cummings  
Martha Cummings  
Michael Scott, and  
Richard Rockport*

The Grand Jury of the City and County of New York, by this indictment accuse  
*John Cummings, Martha Cummings, Michael  
Scott and Richard Rockport*  
of the crime of Robbery in the First DEGREE, committed as follows:

The said *John Cummings, Martha Cummings,  
Michael Scott and Richard Rockport* —

late of the First Ward of the City of New York, in the County of New York, aforesaid,  
on the ~~third~~ day of ~~November~~ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and eighty-~~three~~ at the Ward, City and County aforesaid, with force and arms, in and upon  
*one Daniel Coleman, then and there being, feloniously did make  
an assault each of them the said John Cummings, Martha Cummings,  
Michael Scott and Richard Rockport being then and there aided by an accomplice  
actually present* two promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the  
kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of twenty dollars, and of the value of twenty dollars  
*each*; ~~two~~ promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due and  
unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of ten dollars, and of the value  
of ten dollars *each*; ~~two~~ promissory notes for the payment of money, being then and there due  
and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of five dollars, and of the  
value of five dollars *each*; ~~one~~ promissory note for the payment of money, being then and  
there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination of two dollars,  
and of the value of two dollars ~~—~~; ~~one~~ promissory note for the payment of money, being  
then and there due and unsatisfied (and of the kind known as United States Treasury Notes), of the denomination  
of one dollar, and of the value of one dollar ~~—~~; ~~two~~ promissory notes for the payment of  
money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of twenty  
dollars *each*; ~~two~~ promissory notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank  
notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of ten dollars *each*; ~~two~~ promissory  
notes for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of  
the value of five dollars *each*; ~~one~~ promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind  
known as bank notes), being then and there due and unsatisfied, of the value of two dollars, ~~and one~~  
promissory note for the payment of money (and of the kind known as bank notes), being then and there due and  
unsatisfied, of the value of one dollar

of the goods, chattels, and personal property of *one Warren G. Abbott, from the  
person of the said Daniel Coleman, against the  
will and by violence to the person of the said Daniel  
Coleman, then and there violently and feloniously  
did rob, steal, take and carry away, against the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against  
the peace of the People of the State of New York, and their dignity.*

JOHN McKEON, District Attorney.

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Mr Coleman you will do  
us a favour by shipping away from  
Court on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> and not  
to press the case against us  
we will pay you the money sure  
you will oblige by doing so for  
friendships sake.

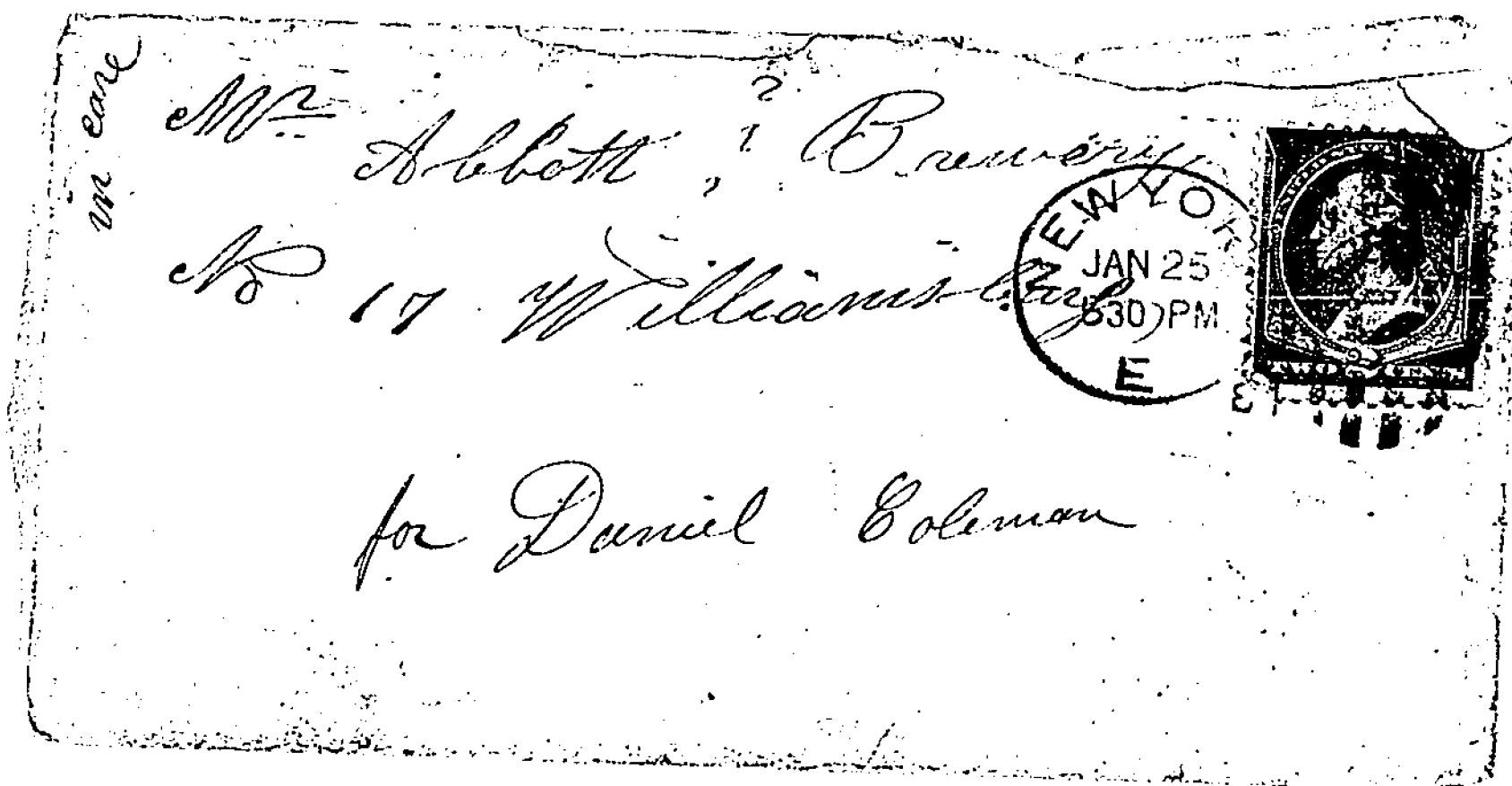
if you press the  
Case against us it is all you  
Can do but be sure if you  
do we ~~will~~ will ~~fix~~ fix you  
you might as well buy  
your Coffin and that very  
soon too

you can judge for yourself  
which thing is best for you  
to do

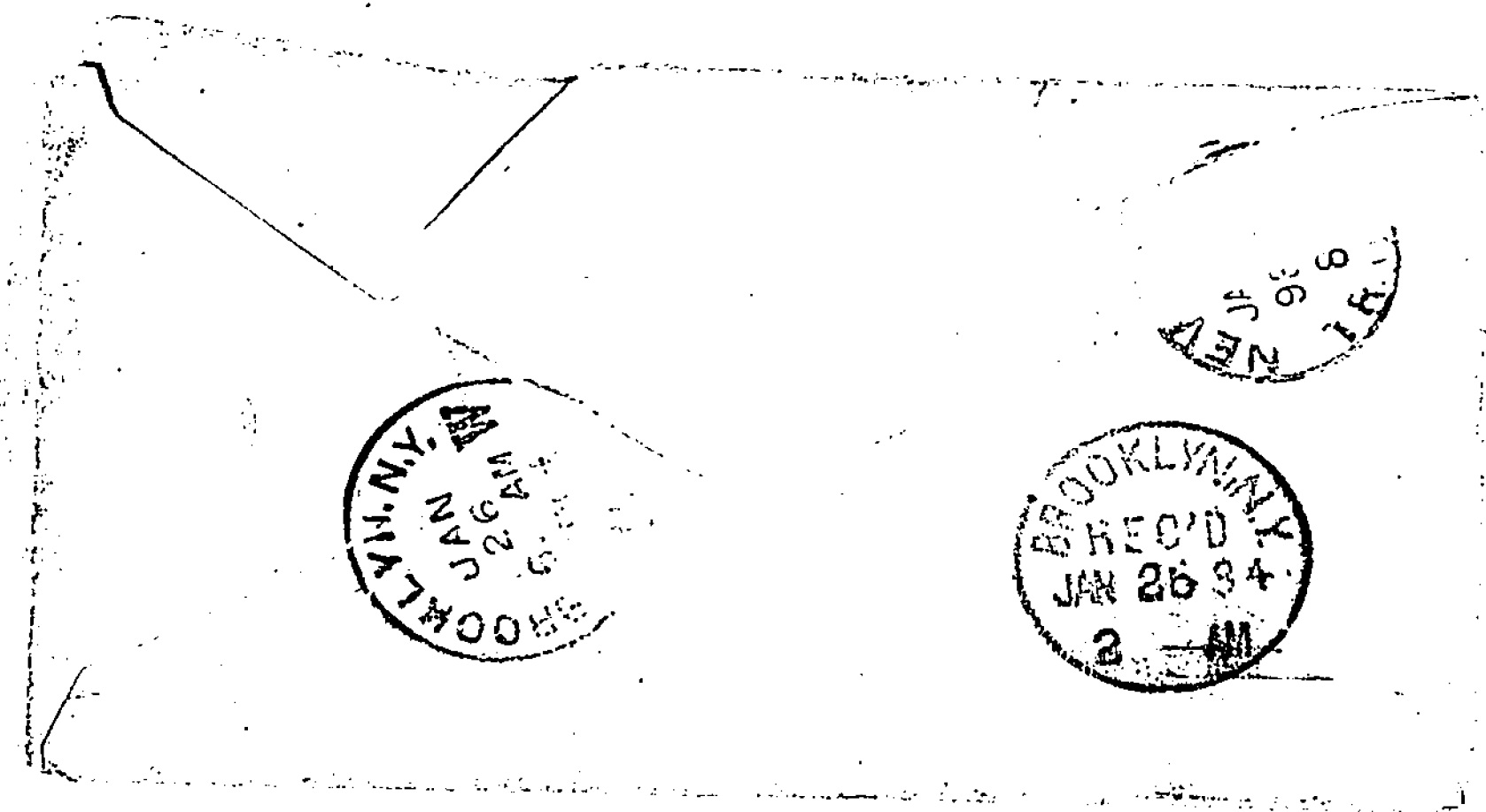
Richard Patchford



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James Wm. Dermott  
531 West 40<sup>th</sup> St  
Mrs. James Wm. Dermott  
same

Mrs. Leornie  
529 or 535 West 40<sup>th</sup> St  
James Sullivan  
531, W. 40<sup>th</sup> -  
Paul Hayes  
532 West 40<sup>th</sup> St

BALD,

No. 1, by Joseph Barker  
Residence 438 West 39<sup>th</sup> Street,

No. 2, by Johannes Munnich  
Residence 592 W 40<sup>th</sup> Street,

No. 3, by John White  
Residence 536 West 40<sup>th</sup> Street,

\* No. 4, by John White  
Residence 536 West 40<sup>th</sup> Street.

Adams

Mrs E. Jine  
532 West C  
Mrs Annan  
531 West D

[illegible]

It appearing to me by the within depositions and statements that the crime therein mentioned has been committed, and that there is sufficient cause to believe the within named John Cummings,  
Martha Cummings, Michael Scott and Richard Rockford  
guilty thereof, I order that ~~he~~ be held to answer the same and ~~he~~ be admitted to bail in the sum of fifteen  
Hundred Dollars, and be committed to the Warden and Keeper of the City Prison of the City of New York, until the  
give such bail.

Dated November 4 1883 Hugh Garmon Police Justice.

I have admitted the above named <sup>arrest</sup> ~~defendants~~ Michael Scott and Richard Rockford to bail to answer by the undertaking hereto annexed.

Dated November 4 1883 Alfred J. Gardner Police Justice.

There being no sufficient cause to believe the within named .....  
 ..... guilty of the offence within mentioned, I order h to be discharged.

*Dated* ..... 188 ..... *Police Justice.*

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

2d District Police Court.

Richard Rockfort being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

Richard Rockfort

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

24 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

Ireland

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

No 532 West 45 street; 8 months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Labourer

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer.

I am not guilty

Richard <sup>his</sup> Rockfort  
Mark

Taken before me this

day of

September 1883

August Spencer  
Police Justice.

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Sec. 198-200

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

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District Police Court.

Michael Scott being duly examined before the undersigned, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer. Michael Scott

Question. How old are you?

Answer. 25 years

Question. Where were you born?

Answer. Ireland

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer. No 404 West 30th street, 2 months

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer. Murder

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your exculpation?

Answer. I am not guilty  
M Scott

Taken before me this

day of September 1883

Michael Scott

Police Justice.

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District Police Court.

CITY AND COUNTY  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

*Martha Cummings*

being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is *her* right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against *her*; that the statement is designed to  
enable *her* if *he* see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against *her*  
that *he* is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that *her* waiver cannot be used  
against *her* on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

*Martha Cummings*

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

*36 years*

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

*Ireland*

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

*No 532 West 4<sup>th</sup> street; 3 1/2 years*

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

*Married Woman*

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

*I am not guilty*

*Martha <sup>her</sup> Cummings*  
*Martha*

Taken before me this

*4<sup>th</sup>*

day of *November* 188*3*

*Joseph J. Malone*

Police Justice.

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CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK, } ss.

2<sup>d</sup> District Police Court.

John Cummings being duly examined before the under-  
signed, according to law, on the annexed charge: and being informed that it is his right to  
make a statement in relation to the charge against him; that the statement is designed to  
enable him if he see fit to answer the charge and explain the facts alleged against him  
that he is at liberty to waive making a statement, and that his waiver cannot be used  
against him on the trial.

Question. What is your name?

Answer.

John Cummings

Question. How old are you?

Answer.

15 years old

Question. Where were you born?

Answer.

New York City

Question. Where do you live, and how long have you resided there?

Answer.

No 532 West 40 street, 3 1/2 years

Question. What is your business or profession?

Answer.

Schoolboy

Question. Give any explanation you may think proper of the circumstances appearing in the  
testimony against you, and state any facts which you think will tend to your  
exculpation?

Answer.

I am not guilty

John Cummings

Taken before me this

day of

November 1883

Police Justice



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Police Court 2<sup>d</sup> District.

CITY AND COUNTY }  
OF NEW YORK. } ss.

Daniel Coleman, 21 years old, salesman  
of No 425 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City,  
being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of November  
1883, at the 20<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of New York, in the County  
of New York, was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, from the person of deponent  
by force and violence, without his consent and against his will, the FOLLOWING PROPERTY, VIZ:

Good and lawful money of the United States  
as follows: Two bills or notes each of the  
value and denomination of Twenty Dollars;  
Two bills or notes each of the value and  
denomination of Ten Dollars and Two  
bills or notes each of the value and  
denomination of Five Dollars; in all

of the value of Seventy DOLLARS,  
the property of Warren G. Abbott and in the care and  
custody of his deponent an employee of said Abbott  
and that this deponent has a probable cause to suspect, and does suspect, that the said property  
was feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away, by force and violence as aforesaid by John  
Brenning, Martha Brenning, Michael  
Scott and Richard Rochfort, all  
now here, from the following facts:  
At about half past six o'clock on the  
evening of said day deponent was coming  
out of the premises No 532 West 40<sup>th</sup>  
street when he was approached and  
surrounded by the above named defendants.  
Said Scott and said Rochfort thrust  
deponent down and while he was  
lying on the sidewalk said John and  
said Martha took said money from  
an inside pocket of a vest then  
worn by deponent, which money  
deponent had noticed in said pocket

Sworn before me, this  
day of 11  
1883

POLICE JUSTICE.

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11 about ten minutes before he was  
attacked as aforesaid. Deponent saw  
and felt the hand of said Martha and  
the hand of said John in the pockets of  
said vest which was torn in the struggle  
deponent made to release himself. While  
said money was being taken from the  
person of deponent as aforesaid said  
Scott and said Rochfort were beating  
deponent.

Sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1883  
Daniel Coleman  
Police Justice

Police Court— District.

THE PEOPLE, & c.  
ON THE COMPLAINT OF

vs.

AFFIDAVIT—ROBBERY.

Dated

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Magistrate.

Officer.

Witnesses:

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